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SUBJECT: GDR MEASURES AGAINST FRG PERMANENT
REPRESENTATION

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1. FRG GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN BOELLING ANNOUNCED
TODAY THAT AS A RESULT OF THE GDR ACTION CORDONING OFF
THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN,
THE CHANCELLOR HAS DECIDED TO HOLD INTRAGOVERNMENTAL
TALKS IN BONN NEXT WEEK ON THE STATE OF INNER-GERMAN
RELATIONS. TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WILL BE THE
CHANCELLOR, FRG PERMREP GAUS WHO IS HERE TO REPORT
ON HIS MEETING WITH SEIDEL, INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS
MINISTER FRANKE, AND MINISTER WISCHNEWSKI FROM THE
CHANCELLERY.

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2. BOELLING BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY REPORTING THAT
WISCHNEWSKI HAD BRIEFED THE CABINET ON HIS MEETING
YESTERDAY WITH GDR PERMREP KOHL. IN THE SUBSEQUENT
DISCUSSION, THE GDR ACTIONS WERE VIEWED BY THE CABINET
AS STANDING IN CLEAR CONTRAST TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
HELSINKI FINAL ACT RELATING TO HUMAN CONTACTS AS WELL
AS IN CONTRADICTION TO ARTICLE 1 OF THE BASIC

TREATY BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT URGENTLY HOPED THAT THE PROTESTS TO THE GDR MADE BY WISCHNEWSKI AND BY GAUS IN EAST BERLIN WOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND THIS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION WOULD BE LIFTED.

3. BOELLING ADDED THAT THE GDR CHARGES THAT THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN HAD MEDDLED IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS WERE TOTALLY INCORRECT. IN CONTRAST, THE FRG PERMREP FROM ITS VERY FIRST DAYS HAD BEHAVED IN AN ABSOLUTELY CORRECT MANNER IN LINE WITH GDR LAW.

4. IN JANUARY 12 BONN GROUP MEETING FRG REP (HENZE) BRIEFED ALLIED REPS ON THE GAUS-SEIDEL MEETING IN EAST BERLIN. HENZE REPORTED THAT BEFORE GAUS HAD A CHANCE TO SAY A WORD, SEIDEL LAUNCHED AN ATTACK SAYING THAT THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO LEAVE THE GDR. GAUS THEN MADE HIS PROTEST ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE GDR ACTION CONTRADICTED THE VIENNA CONSULAR CONVENTION AND WAS A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS ON FREER CONTACTS IN THE CSCE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. IN ADDITION, THE GDR ACTION DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THE FRG AS, ASIDE FROM BE CHINESE EMBASSY, ONLY THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION WAS BEING SUBJECTED TO SUCH TREATMENT.

5. HENZE REPORTED THAT SEIDEL FLATLY REJECTED GAUS' CONFIDENTIAL

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PROTEST. SEIDEL SAID THAT THE STATEMENTS WERE
UNFOUNDED AND HE REFERRED GAUS TO HIS EARLIER REMARKS.

6. AS FOR THE MEETING BETWEEN WISCHNEWSKI AND GDR
PERMREP KOHL YESTERDAY IN BONN, HENZE SAID HE HAD
NOT YET SEEN A REPORT ON IT. HOWEVER, THE TOPICS
COVERED IN THE MEETING RANGED FROM THE RECENT GDR
ACTIONS THROUGH THE FRG PROTEST ON THE LOEWE EXPULSION
TO A BROKEN WINDOW AT THE GDR PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
HERE IN BONN.

7. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS THIS AFTERNOON INDICATED
THAT GDR POLICE CONTROLS AT THE FRG PERMREP BUILDING
IN EAST BERLIN WERE ENDED AT NOON TODAY. HOWEVER,
MISSION SOURCES INDICATED, AS DID BOELLING WHEN THE
POINT WAS RAISED DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THAT THE
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FRG MISSION DOES NOT NORMALLY HAVE VISITING HOURS ON
WEDNESDAY. THUS, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GDR HAD
RESPONDED TO FRG PROTESTS HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED. WHAT
IS CLEAR HOWEVER IS THAT, AS GAUS
COMMENTED ON FRG TELEVISION LAST NIGHT, INNER-GERMAN
RELATIONS ARE ON THE BASIS OF AN ACCUMULATION OF
ACTIONS AT "THE BOTTOM OF THE VALLEY." GAUS ADDED,
"WE MUST FIND OUR WAY OUT" AND CONCLUDED HOPEFULLY,
IF PERHAPS WISHFULLY, "SURELY THIS IS ALSO IN THE
INTEREST OF THE GDR." END COMMENT.
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